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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: St. Louis City, Missouri

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The following information was recorded by Alexander Piaget and Charles van Ravenswaay at the time the photograph was taken:

Library built ca. 1847 and destroyed during the 1890s. This library was salvaged and incorporated, with minor changes, in a house being built at that time.

The entrance door is heavily panelled in oak, black walnut, and burl walnut veneer. Gilded strips were introduced in the panels and in the frame about the door. The glass panelled doors are side cabinets which flank a mantel. Heavy drawers are built in the woodwork beneath the cabinets. A bay window in the room has a seat upholstered in leather, woodwork about the windows and the seat ornamented with much carving in fruit, flower garlands, and various classic motifs. The subjects of the five etched glass panels carry out the literary atmosphere of the room. Milton and Shakespeare, among others, were carefully introduced into the elaborate design. The ceiling is panelled in oak with an elaborate oak and black walnut cornice. The light was originally arranged as a clerestory.

PROJECT INFORMATION

The Piaget-van Ravenswaay Survey consists of a number of photographs, primarily of sites and structures in Missouri, which were taken before 1938 by Alexander Piaget and after that by Paul Piaget, both in conjunction with Charles van Ravenswaay. Photographs of buildings were incorporated into the HABS collection in 1985 by Laura Rupp and in 1986 by Deborah Fulton, HABS historians. A master list is available in the [REDACTED] records for MO-1800.

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